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*** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTES (by Tedd, KB8NW): This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late CQWW DX SSB Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the CQWW DX SSB Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Friday, 18th/October, through Friday, 25th/October there were 219 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5X, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, VU7, XE, XU, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3W, VIETNAM (Reminder). Yosuke, JJ1DQR, should now be active as 3W9QR from Da Nang until November 1st. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using mainly SSB. He was heard on 20/17 meters this past week. He will also participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th). QSL via JJ1DQR, by the Bureau or direct.

4U1, AUSTRIA. Operators Sparky/OE1ZZZ and Oleg/HB9RB will be active as 4U1A from the International Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (ARCDXC) station during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via UA3DX. This station counts as the VIC (Vienna International Centre) multiplier.

8Q, MALDIVES. Fabien, DF3XY, will be active as 8Q7XY from Maldives (AS-013) between December 10-23rd. Activity will be on 40/30/20/15/10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign direct.

A3, TONGA. Masa, JA0RQV, will once again be active as A35JP from Tongatapu Island (OC-049) between November 24th, 2019, and November 2020. He states, "This time, I will be stationed there as a resident supervisor of the international corporation project." Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. Equipment is an IC-7300 w/100W into a Vertical antenna. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog, or direct w/2 USDs or by the Bureau via his home callsign JA0RQV. He states, "If you need paper QSL, please be patient to receive it because I will be able to issue paper QSL after I return to Japan in November 2020. Please do not send SASE to my home address." He also mentions, "During the period, if possible, I will try to activate some outer islands again such as Niuatoputapu (OC-191), Niuafo'ou (OC-123), Vava'u (OC-064) and Ha'apai (OC-169). Details will be announced once decided."

A4, OMAN. Members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society (ROARS) will activate their contest station, A44A, in Muscat during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via LoTW. Operators mentioned are Khalid/A41CK, Hassan/A41HA, Hamed/A41KT, Adnan/A41LP, Mohammed/A41NN, Issa/A41NW, Amine/A41PG, Aasim/A41RF, Waleed/A41RG, Mudhfer/A41RN, Aziz/A41RO, Bader/A41SP, Talal/A41SS, Ali/A41ZA, San/A45TT, Prince/A45VU, Paul/A65DR, Anton/OG2K and Tony/RT9T.

AH2, GUAM. Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are: Toshinobu/JI3ERV (NH2C), Mikawa/JR7OMD, Atsuo/JE6HIB, and Danilo/KH2JU. QSL via LoTW. PLEASE DO NOT QSL via the KH2 Bureau.

CE9/HF0/VP8, ANTARCTICA (Update). Seba, SQ1SGB, will be active as VP8HAL (instead of CE9/SQ1SGB) and HF0ANT from Halley VI British Antarctic Research Station and the Polish Henryk Arctowski Station on King George Island (AN-010, WLOTA LH-0312), respectively, between December 20th and February 8th. Activity will mainly be in 40/20 meters using SSB and the Digital modes (FT8/JT65). QSL via his home callsign direct only.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND. Al, VE1AWW, is once again active as CY0/VE1AWW and will be active until October 29th or 30th. He was heard on Thursday on 20 meter SSB. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (at irregular times) using mostly SSB and some Digital modes. The station is a TS-690S/AT running barefoot through a vertical. A new ground mount vertical for 20m, and dipole for 40m will be going up soon. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau (Preferred).

DP0/DP1, ANTARCTICA. The WAP Web page (Worldwide Antarctic Program) reports that the next operator at DP0GVN for the wintering season 2020 will be Roman, HB9HCF. He plans to be active on QO-100 satellite; they are not sure about HF yet. Roman is a new operator that can use the QO-100 setup at Neumayer III (AN-016). Felix, DL5XL, will introduce him to HF for sure, and even if he has no experience at all, let's hope he will find amusement and interest in Ham Radio activity from Antarctica! Felix, DL5XL, will also be active as DP1POL in January and February 2020, mainly HF CW with some Digital modes and QO-100 activity. For more details and updates, visit the WAP Web page at: http://www.waponline.it

E2, THAILAND. Champ, E21EIC, will be active as E2A (The SIAM DX Group/Contest Callsign) from Bangkok during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or by the Bureau using ClubLog.

E20, THAILAND. The SIAM DX Group will be active as E20AX from Bangkok during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW. Operators mentioned are Peeranat/E20PFE, E20ZNH, First/E22WWZ, E27AAA, Neang/E27GIG, Art/HS2UPR, Tar/HS3PJF, HS4OSE, HS4QNU, Pat/HS7WMU and HS8FFH.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Antonio, EA8DDS, will be active from Gran Canaria (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a QRP entry. QSL via EA8DDS.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Jon/EA2OT, Carlos/EA8KW, Juan/EA8RM, Rolandas/LY4A, Juanma/EC5AN, Carlos/IK1HJS, R6FFS, Leonid/RA5A, YL Elena/

RC5A, Alex/RG2A, Alexey/RG6G, Pavel/RU5A, George/SP5C, UA3DJX and Alexandr/UA5C will be active as EF8R from Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW or EB7DX direct. Operators are calling themselves "The Magic Mauntain International Team".

ES, ESTONIA. Members of the Estonian Radio Amateurs Union along with some international operators will be active as ES9C from Tallinn during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via ES5RY or LoTW. Operators mentioned are Gabor/ES1BVG, Arvo/ES2MC, Toivo/ES5RR, Tonno/ES5TV, Toomas/ES5RY, Oleg/YL3DW, Oskar/ES4NY, Kristjan/ES7GM, Andy/ES2NA, Hanz/PA3ZZ and Janis/YL3AD.

FH, MAYOTTE. Stefan, DL9HAL, is once again active as FH/DL9HAL from Mayotte (AF-027) until November 4th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and again perhaps FT8. QSL via DL9HAL, direct or via his QSL Manager M0OXO.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operators Marc/F1HAR, Florent/F4CWN, Didier/FY5FY, Herve/F5HRY, Marc/F1HAR and Christian/F5UII will be active as FY5KE from the "Radio club de Kourou" (RACK) radio club station in Kourou City during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW or direct (NO Bureau).

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE (Update/Correction/Press Release). [edited] Operators Grant/KZ1W and Rob/N7QT will activate H40 Temotu Province (Pigeon Island), Solomon Islands, Nov. 14th through Nov. 28th, 2019. Awaiting permission to operate as H40TT, otherwise each will operate under their own callsign: H40TT (Rob) and H40KT (Grant). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW/SSB/FT8/RTTY. They will focus on the low bands to regions where H40 is most needed. They will "follow the sun" please respect their calls into specific regions. Suggested operating frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5, 3523, 7010, 10105, 14023, 14023, 18069, 21023, 24891 and 28023 kHz
SSB - 3790, 7090, 14185, 18130, 21285, 24955 and 28485 kHz
RTTY - 7045, 10142, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24910 and 28080 kHz
FT8 - 1840, 3567, 5357, 7056, 10131, 14090, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz

They will have Elecraft K3s and 1KW SPE amplifiers, with verticals by sea, and DHDL receive antenna(s). They hope to have Internet access for periodic log uploads. Please keep insurance contacts to a minimum:

Log Search and OQRS at: https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php
QSL Manager: Tim Beaumont, M0URX (M0URX.com)
For Direct QSLs: Please enclose 4 USDs and a SAE.
No IRCs or coins

HB9, SWITZERLAND. Operators Andrea/HB9DUR and Ludovic/HB9EOU will be active as HB9A (USKA Club Call) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via HB9DUR.

HS0, THAILAND. Vincent, F4BKV, will be active as HS0ZOJ during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via F4BKV or LoTW (Preferred). He states on QRZ.com: "QSL via LoTW for contest activity. Please refrain to request your paper QSL, and do it ONLY if you truly need the paper card. QSL reply via direct will be done sometime in 2020 and via Bureau can be up to 2 years or more."

HS8, THAILAND. Phanuwat, HS8LVC, will be active from Krabi (NJ98kc) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via LoTW or ClubLog.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-018. Martin, OL5Y, will be active as IH9P from Pantelleria Island (African Italy - CQ Zone: 33, IIA: TP-01, WAIP: TP, WLOTA: LH-0041) in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/High-Power entry. QSL via OL5Y.

AF-018. Milan, OK1VWK, will be active as IH9/OL3R from Pantelleria Island (African Italy - CQ Zone: 33, IIA: TP-01, WAIP: TP, WLOTA: LH-0041) in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via

OK1VWK.

AF-045. Operators John/6W7JX, Ouzin/6W1PZ, Tafa/6W1KI, Jul/6W1QL, Ahmed/6W1PA, 6W1SQ, YL Mael/6W1SV, Charles/6W1GF and Yves/ 6W1TA will once again be active as 6V1A from Goree Island between December 13-15th. Activity will be on CW and SSB on all HF bands using a FT-1000 and Icom 7300 with 150 watts into dipoles G5RV/Kelemen. QSL via 6W1QL or LoTW.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For November 2019). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of November 2019:

GX4BJC/A - Operated /A, from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie, G6XOU (WAB Square - TM22 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated /A, from Eastbourne, in East Sussex, by Peter, G0NQZ (WAB Square - TQ50 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Dick, M5DIK - The QSL Manager and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on or or
or via . NO LoTW.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Members of the Frankford Radio Club are now active from the Radio Reef DX'ers Station rental shack on St. Croix (NA-106), until October 29th. Operators mentioned are Tony/N2TK, John/K3CT, Pat/W3FIZ and Steve/NY3B. Activity will be on all HF bands. This includes the upcoming CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi/2 entry signing as KP2M. QSL via NZ4DX (direct only) or LoTW. NO BUREAU QSLs. Operator will probably sign KP2/homecall outside of the contest. QSL direct to their home callsigns.

KP3, PUERTO RICO. Felipe, NP4Z, will be active as KP3Z from the Puerto Rico Contest Club in Rio Piedras during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via N4AO.

MW5, WALES. Ian, G3WVG, will be active as MW5B during CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Operator/Single-Band (160m) entry. QSL ONLY via LoTW or ClubLog.

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE (date October 25th). The following was sent out by Ned Stearns, AA7A, NCDXF Vice President: The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) has awarded a grant of $4,000 to Club Log to support their capital needs for important IT system upgrades to move their system into the future. Michael, G7VJR, recently reached out to NCDXF with an inquiry for interest in support that triggered an immediate and over-whelming response from every NCDXF Director. Two of the directors engaged in the ongoing VP6R DXpedition stepped away from the pileups a few minutes and echoed in the response:

"Club Log is a MAJOR part of what makes a good DXpedition (both during and after the event)"
"Michael and his group do a wonderful service to the DX Community worldwide"
"Club Log is a real asset to every DXer and DXpeditioner"
"I use it regularly for OQRS and other DX chasing capabilities in addition to uploading my own QSOs there regularly from home or DX locations. It is an invaluable tool for DXers and DXpeditions."
"It's an incredible resource that has become the standard"

Following NCDXF's action, Michael is quoted:

"For some time now, I've been anxious to provide a more resilient way to run Club Log. With 70,000 active users, and most significant expeditions depending upon it, it's vital to keep Club Log working around the clock - but until now the expense has been prohibitive. Club Log depends on do-

nations for its running costs, but to fund a capital project like this takes the financial backing of a foundation that takes the lead and supports expeditions and DX-related projects at a really high level. NCDXF has made an extraordinary grant to Club Log, giving me an opportunity to unlock all the work that I need to do in this area. Many thanks to the foundation and its members for this tremendous boost to Club Log. The newly-upgraded servers will launch in early 2020."

NCDXF fully supports the Club Log mission and its dedicated team of volunteers that is creating an invaluable service to the DXing community.

NEW IARU MEMBERS. The ARRL reports that Saudi Arabia and Seychelles have joined the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). Read about it at: http://www.arrl.org/news/view/saudi-arabia-and-seychelles-join-international-amateur-radio-union

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Operators Pertti/OH2PM, Ville/OH2MM and Tom/SM0CXU will be active as OH0W from Aland Island (EU-002) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via OH2BH.

OH0, ALAND. Jukka, OH6LI, will be active as OH0V from Aland Island (EU-002) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/possibly as an All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 28th-November 1st).....

Oct/28th	HN	Oct/31st	AN	Nov/02nd	HN
Oct/29th	HN	Nov/01st	LN	Nov/03rd	HN
Oct/30th	AN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

PT, BRAZIL. Sergio, PP5JR, will be active as PT5J from Santa Catarina during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Assisted entry. QSL via PP5JR.

PY0T, TRINDADE AND MARTIN VAZ ISLANDS. "DXNEWS" reports that Fernando, PY1FR, is planning to be active as PY0T/PY1FR from Trindade and Martin Vaz Island (SA-010) sometime in December 2019. Dates are not known yet. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (October 25th)

5J500L via HK3VHZ	D68CCC via IK2VUC (O/L)	ON/PD0RWL/P via PD0RWL
5K0K via OK6DJ (O/L)	EA8/UA5C via UA5C (d/e)	OX/OZ1LXJ via OZ1LXJ (d)
9V1/OE3GEA via OE3GEA	F/G4WSB via G4WSB	PJ2/DL8OBQ via DL8OBQ
A21EME via PA3CMC	II9BP via IT9ZEO	VP6R via K9CT
CT/F6CTF/MM via F6CTF	IQ7ML via IZ7QEN	EA8/RU5A via RU5A

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

ZF2ZO via K7ZO, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. Activity was by Scott, K7ZO, before the CQWW DX SSB Contest.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5J500LDV, 5T5PA, 9A6BL, A62A, DR775TMG, E77EA, JY5HX, KH2L, LX7A, UC0A, V31CC, VK4FB, XQ3MCC and YL2SM

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 7V9A (AF-094, AF-104), E44WE, K7TRI (NA-211), OH9A, OJ9A, R63RRC (AS-063), TK0C and WH0RU

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4W/HL1AHS (OC-148), 5H1ES, 5R8UP, 5X2B, 6W/IV3FSG, 6Y1LZ, 6Y5/UN7LZ, 7N2JZT/6 (AS-024), 8J1ITU, 9H3QQ, C31CT, ED8K, EV2014WHC, FO/F6BHK, FR1GV, FW5JJ, HI9/F5PLR, IF9ZWA (EU-054), IJ7V (EU-073), JD1BMH, JD1BOI, JD1BON, K1HP/KH2, MJ/ON4RSX, OG0C, PJ5Z, RI1ANX, RG22RR, RP69AH, S79AM, S79ANR, UN2G, UN6G, UN7GB, UN7GKA, UN7GQ, UN9GWA, VA3DYD/HR3, XF1T, XR9JA, XT2BR, XT2SE, XV9ZT and YN3GEA
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

RK9, ASIATIC RUSSIA. Willy, UA9BA, will be active as RK9AX from Asiatic Russia during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via UA9APA.

STANDARD TIME. Remember to change your clocks next weekend! Countries who observe Daylight Saving Time (DST), which took place on Sunday, March 10th, are now expected to move their "local clocks" backward 1 hour on Sunday, November 3rd, from 2:00 AM local time to 1:00 AM. In 2020, Daylight Saving Time (DST) will again go into effect on Sunday, March 8th, at 2:00 AM local time. For the history and details about ST and DST, as well as an interesting map of the world (showing the countries who observe DST), see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_time
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time
http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2020.html
https://www.timeanddate.com/time/change/usa?year=2020
ADDED NOTE: Hopefully, all amateur radio operators know NOT to change their GMT/UTC/ZULU clocks. However, since most operators usually set their computers to local time, some may have to change their settings on "some" ham radio software (ex. logging, propagation, DXTelnet, etc..) programs.

SU8, EGYPT (Update/Press Release, date October 24th). Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following [edited]: WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFRENCE (WRC) SPECIAL EVENT [From Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt]: Egyptian Radio Amateur Society (ERASD) together with National Telecommunications Radio Authority (NTRA) of Egypt, are jointly announcing a special event and permit of SU8X and SU8WRC to conduct operations from the city of Sharm El Sheikh in Southern Egypt, the venue of WRC. Operations will begin on this Friday evening with participation in the CQWW Contest as SU8X, and following the opening of the WRC on Monday as SU8WRC.

The team is headed by Said, SU1SK, the president of ERASD, and his associates, Tarek, SU2TA, and Yasset, SU3YM, whom are also all attending the WRC as a part of the NTRA delegation. This is a historical day for ERASD as along with this event and operations, several new privileges have been authorized, such as 6M for the first time for this event.

ERASD has invited the folks of Radio Arcala of Finland, OH8X, to join them as their honorary guests and experts for sharing Amateur Radio with their partners from evolving countries, normally off of amateur radio's beaten track, who could further benefit on Amateur Radio. Martti, OH2BH, and Niko, OH2GEK, will represent OH8X and also make an amateur radio show-case at their dedicated executive radio show-room.

After the opening of WRC and the CQWW the team will also entertain Amateur Radio operators as part of their national delegations to WRC as well as those sun tanning hams that are enjoying the venue at the beautiful

tourist destination of Sharm El Sheikh. The special event site can be contacted from Monday morning onwards at (su8wrc@gmail.com).

The WRC is a culmination of the set Amateur Radio 2.0 where traveling hams and their supporters team up for a good cause, bring in their resources to remote societies at large. Those behind this new approach are INDEXA's Ralph Fedor, K0IR, Seisa's Zorro Myazawa, JH1AJT and the Radio Arcala team, all of which also support ERASD and this special event.

WRC has participation from all of the world's ITU member countries, DX rare and regular. Isn't it only fair that regulars step forward and help those rare ones in need, and make them active — also DX-wise? And hopefully become supportive of Amateur Radio on the long run.

TC29, TURKEY (Special Event). Look for some Turkism ham radio clubs [ATRO (YM1KTR), TANGO ALFA (YM1KE) and TAMAD (YM1KAD)] to be on the air as TC29OCT between October 26-29th, to celebrate Turkey's anniversary of becoming a republic. Many people in Turkey celebrate "Republic Day" on October 29th, by attending performances and participating in traditional processions with flags and musical bands. The Turkish Republic's founder Mustafa Kemal Ataturk proclaimed "Republic Day" as Turkey's most important holiday.

V2, ANTIGUA. Bud, AA3B, will once again be active as V26K from Antigua (NA-100) between November 16-26th. Activity will be mainly on CW. Bud will also be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or via AA3B, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog.

V8, BRUNEI. Hajime, JO1RUR, will once again be active as V85RH from Brunei. The length of his stay is not known. Activity will be during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LoTW only.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND. Przemyslaw, SP7VC, will be active as VK9NC during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via SP7VC. JUST A REMINDER: Operators Mek/SP7VC/VK9NC (Digital modes) and Marcin/SP5ES/VK9NG (CW) will continue during the contest, but not in the contest.

VP6R PITCAIRN ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). The Pitcairn Island DX-pedition VP6R Team continues to be active until November 1st. Glenn, W0GJ, reported on October 20th: "The team is down to 12 operators after one individual fell and suffered several fractures. He was put aboard a supply ship and will be evacuated to Mangareva and on to Papeete." Glenn also mentioned on October 22nd: "Our evacuated team member has made it to the hospital in Papeete, French Polynesia. Thanks for your prayers and concerns. All family members are aware, but for privacy, we will not release a name here.

Activity continues on 160-10 meters, including 6 meters EME, using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (F/H). The team will continuously have at least one station active on 20m throughout their stay to hopefully provide a chance for everyone to make an all time new country contact. The VP6R team will also participate in the 2019 CQWW SSB Contest this coming weekend October 26-27th weekend. There will be some operation on the CW bands and WARC bands during the contest.

As of 0102z, October 25th, ClubLog show the VP6R team has made 46873 QSOs with 13783 Unique Callsigns. Breakdown of modes are: 22556/CW, 9224/SSB, 15061/FT8 and 32/JT65. Breakdown by Continents (%): .4/AF, 24.7/AS, 21.3/EU, 49.1/NA, 2.3/OC, and 2.2/SA.

QSL via K9CT. For more details, updates and pictures, check out the Pitcairn Island DXpedition Web page at: https://pitcairndx.com
Also, check out their FaceBook page at:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/580069859103416
Also, their Twitter page is at: https://twitter.com/2019Island

YT5, SERBIA. Operators Hrane/YT1AD/YT5A, Markovic/YU1AU, Milan/YU8A, Vladeta/YU1KX, Sasha/YU2FG, Aleksandar/YU6DX, Zoran/YU9DX and Acim/YU1YV will be active as YT5A from Vitanovac during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via YT1AD.

ZM4, NEW ZEALAND. Youth Team Operators Alice/ZL2EM, Xenia/ZL4YL, Alec/ZL1HAZ, Sam/ZL1SAM, Jaidyn/ZL4WW and Marek/OK1MV will be active as ZM4T from Hawkes Bay during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a

Multi-2/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS or direct to ZL3IO. NO BUREAU CARDS ACCEPTED. Also, operators Xenia/ZL4YL, Gary/ZL2IFB, Michael/ZL2MY, Holger/ZL3IO and possibly one or two more operators will be active as ZM4T during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-2/High-Power entry. QSL info is the same as above.

ZS7, ANTARCTICA. Oleg, UA1PBA (RI1ANF, RI1ANX, etc.) an Antarctic veteran has left for the Antarctica again this past week via Punta Arenas, Chile. He will be signing ZS7ANF managing the Wolf's Fang Camp (WAP MNB-12) and will be active from there. QSLs will probably be managed by RK1PWA. For more details and updates, see:
http://www.waponline.it/zs7ant-a-new-antarctic-season-by-oleg-sakharov

ZW5, BRAZIL. Members of the Araucaria DX Group will be active as ZW5B from their club station (PY5EG) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are Ezequiel/LU1FP, Mark/LU8EOT, Manu/LU9ESD, Lucas/PP5KR, Evan/PP5NZ, Neto/PU2TIB, Rafael/PY2NDX, Tom/PY2YU, Miguel/PY3MM, Peter/PY5CC, Oms/PY5EG, Luciano/PY5KD, Arthur/PY5VC and Jim/PY5WW. QSL via K3IRV.

The following stations are expected to be active in the
CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 26-27th, 2019)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2019 CQWW DX SSB Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2019.html (By callsign)
http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqsd2019.html (By entity)
http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqsz2019.html (By zone)

The CQ World-Wide DX Contest Web page and rules:
http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	CQZ	Class	QSL Route
3V8SS	Tunisia	33	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
3W9A	Vietnam	26	SO	LoTW; QSL via (C)
3W9QR	Vietnam	26	SO	JJ1DQR; QSL via (B/d)
4L/LY4ZZ	Georgia	21	SOSB 160M	LY4ZZ
4L2M	Georgia	21	SOSB 20M	4L2M
4L9M	Georgia	21	SOSB 80M	R3XA
4L0A	Georgia	21	SOSB 40M	LoTW
4U1A	Austria	15	M/S	UA3DX
6W1RY	Senegal	35	M/2	LoTW; QSL via F5VHJ or WA6WPG for USA requests, (O/B)
7A2A	Indonesia	28	M/?	LoTW
8P2K	Barbados	08	SOSB 40M	LoTW; QSL via KU9C
8P5A	Barbados	08	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via HA1AG
8P6ET	Barbados	08	SOAB LP	KU9C
9K2K	Kuwait	21	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via EC6DX
9M6NA	East Malaysia	28	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via (C)
A44A	Oman	21	M/M	LoTW
A92AA	Bahrain	21	SOAB	A92AA (d)
AH2R	Guam	27	M/S	LoTW
B1Z	China	24		BA1GG
B7P	China	24	M/?	BA4EG
BV2A/3	Taiwan	24	M/?	QSL: ART, PO Box 73-326, Taipei, Taiwan
CB1H	Chile	12	M/?	LoTW
CN3A	Morocco	33	M/M	IK2OHG
CR2L	Azores	14	SOAB	OE2GEN
CR5T	Portugal	14	M/2	LoTW; QSL via CR5T (B/e)
D4C	Cape Verde Island	35	M/?	LoTW
E2A	Thailand	26	SOAB HP	LoTW; QSL via E2A (B)
E20AX	Thailand	26	M/2	LoTW; QSL via E20AX (B)
EA8DDS	Canary Islands	33	QRP	EA8DDS
ED8W	Canary Islands	33	M/?	LoTW

EE5T	Spain	14	M/2	LoTW
EF8R	Canary Islands	33	M/?	LoTW; QSL via EB7DX (d)
EF9Z	Ceuta & Melilla	33	SO	LoTW; QSL via EA5KB
ES9C	Estonia	15	M/S	ES5RY
FG4KH	Guadeloupe	08	SO	LoTW
FY5KE	French Guiana	09	M/?	LoTW; QSL: Jacques Mazzoni, 678 Route de L'Egalite 74290, Talloires, France
HB9A	Switzerland	14	M/S	HB9OCR
HB9H	Switzerland	14	M/?	HB9CXZ
HC5D	Ecuador	10	SOAB HP	DL8UD; QSL via (DARC-B/d)
HC0E	Ecuador	10	M/M	HC1QRC
HR9/N3AD	Honduras	07	SOAB	W3HNK
HS8LVC	Thailand	26	SOSB 20M	LoTW; QSL via (C)
HS0ZOJ	Thailand	26	SOSB 20M	LoTW; QSL via F4BKV(LoTW prefered)
IH9P	African Italy	33	SOSB 15M	OL5Y
IH9YMC	African Italy	33	SOSB	(e)
IO5O	Italy	15	M/S	IK5RLP
J68MD	St. Lucia	08	M/S	N2HIW
KP2M	U.S. Virgin Islands	08	M/2	LoTW
KP3Z	Puerto Rico	08	SOAB LP	N4AO
MD1E	Isle of Man	14	HP	M0OXO (O)
MD1U	Isle of Man	14	HP	M0OXO (O)
MD4K	Isle of Man	14	SOAB	G3NKC
MW5B	Wales	14	SOSB 160M	Only (L/C)
NP2P	U.S. Virgin Islands	08	SO	LoTW
OH5Z	Finland	15	M/S	LoTW
OH0V	Aland Island	15	SO	LoTW
OH0W	Aland Island	15	M/S	OH2BH
OX7A	Greenland	40	M/2	LoTW; QSL via OZ1ACB & (C)
P3F	Cyprus	20		LoTW
P40T	Aruba	09		
P40W	Aruba	09	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via N2MM; NO Bureau
PJ2T	Curacao	09	M/?	LoTW; QSL via W3HNK
PJ4K	Bonaire	09	M/M	KU9C
PJ7PL	Sint Maarten	08	SO LP	N2HX
PS4L	Brazil	11	M/S	LoTW
PT5J	Brazil	11	SOABA	PP5JR
PY0F	Fernando de Noronha	11	M/2	LoTW
PZ5K	Surinam	09	M/?	LoTW; QSL via G3NKC
RK9AX	Russia (Asia)	17	SOAB HP	UA9APA
S79W	Seychelles	39	SOSB	LoTW; QSL via SP9FIH & (C)
S79ZM	Seychelles	39	M/?	Auto (B)
SU8X	Egypt	34	M/?	OH2BH
TC0F	Turkey	20	M/S	TA2BN
TI7W	Costa Rica	07	M/S	W4FS
TO1J	Martinique	08	SO	JF2QNM
V26B	Antigua & Barbuda	08	M/M	LoTW
V3M	Belize	07	M/S	LoTW
V47T	St. Kitts & Nevis	08	SOAB	W2RQ
V49V	St. Kitts & Nevis	08	M/2	LoTW
V85RH	Brunei	28	SO	LoTW
VK9NC	Norfolk Island	32	SOSB 40M	SP7VC
VK9NE	Norfolk Island	32	SO	LoTW; QSL via SP7VC (d)
VP2MSW	Montserrat	08	SOAB HP	LoTW; paper QSLs via K3SW (d) (1 USD, 3 USDs foreign)
VP5W	Turks & Caicos	08	M/S	LoTW; QSL via KD3TB (d)
VP6R	Pitcairn Island	32	M/?	LoTW
VP9I	Bermuda	05	SO	LoTW
YJ0CA	Vanuatu	32	SO	VK2YUS (d)
YT5A	Servia	15	M/M	YT1AD
ZF1A	Cayman Islands	08	M/2	LoTW
ZF9CW	Cayman Islands	08	SO HP	K5GO (d)
ZM4T	New Zealand	32	M/2	LoTW
ZW5B	Brazil	08	M/M	K3IRV
ZZ3ZZ	Brazil	11	M/S	LoTW; QSL via (C/e)

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